

Finance Committee Meeting

April 5, 2018

The Finance Committee met Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Rick Huber, Dwayne Andrews and Kathy Wilcox.

Also present were: Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Battalion Chief Mike Miller and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

None

2. Discussion and recommendation on ambulance bids received

Chief Stevens said the City received one bid from Sawtooth for an amount of \$124,844. The bid covered everything that was requested.

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council to approve Sawtooth's ambulance bid, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. On roll call vote, it passed 4-0*

3. Discussion and recommendation on USDA's loan for the training center

*** Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend the 30 year loan and if needed change at a later date, seconded by Committee Member Andrews.*

Battalion Chief Miller presented the loan schedule:

- \$250,000 is not the exact cost for the project, final number will probably be around \$246,000 to \$247,000
- Will be receiving professional advice on building cement blocks and City will help with leveling the area where the building will stand. Saving around \$25,000
- Battalion Chief Miller is training seven other firefighter to be instructors
- Explained the bridge loan. It is the construction section, where the cost of the invoices will be added to the loan for a total sum. This sum will transfer to the amount of the loan in January 2019
- Discussion on the 20 year versus the 30 year. The 20 year loan will cost the City an extra \$4,000 a year until paid. The 30 year loan will cost about \$2,000 extra a year. The Committee thought that the 20 year loan would be better because the interest is much lower.
- It will take 90-120 days to build the center
- Fire crew will host a question and answer day for the community

*** Committee Member Galbraith amended her motion to recommend to Council to accept the 20 year loan from USDA, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The amended motion passed 4-0*

4. RESOLUTION 4142- A Resolution Authorizing the City of Miles City to Enter Into a Sales Agreement for Ambulance With Sawtooth Emergency Vehicles, Inc.

*** Committee Member Andrews moved recommending to Council the approval of the Resolution, seconded by Committee Member Huber. The motion passed 4-0*

5. ORDINANCE NO. 1323- An Ordinance Section 2-53 of the Code of Ordinances of Miles City, Montana, to Call for City Council Meetings to Begin at 6:00 p.m.

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Committee Member Huber.*

There was a short discussion as to whether an amendment should be added to the Ordinance so Council can change the time by Resolution.

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to amend adding Section 2 to say "Include the authority for Council to change time by Resolution", seconded by Committee Member Huber. The original and amended motion passed 3-1 with Committee Member Andrews voting no*

6. ORDINANCE NO. 1324- An Ordinance Amending Ordinances 1073, 1262, 1277, 1295 and 1308, Revising "Administration Rules of the City of Miles City Water and Sewer Services, Accounts, Delinquencies and Termination"

*** Committee Member Huber moved recommending to Council the approval of the Ordinance, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox.*

Clerk Pearce explained the changes:

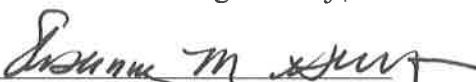
- Page 1, under Section 2 the last sentence was added
- Page 3, under Section 2 the last 2 sentences were added and it was also added to the seller/landlord agreement form

*** The motion passed 4-0*

7. Adjournment

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson


Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk